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BARON FOR SNYDER

E.O. 11652: N/A
SUBJECT: CEREALS SHIPMENTS INLAND - NIGERIA TRUCK
TRANSPORT

SUMMARY. URGES AID REPRESENTATIVE SNYDER TO LOOK INTO
POSSIBILITIES OF A TRUCK LIFT ORGANIZED IN NIGERIA TO
EXPAND EVACUATION CAPACITY FROM APAPA AND PORT HARCOURT
BY SOME 5,000 TONS PER MONTH OR MORE OVER THE NEXT 2-3
MONTHS.

1. OUR NIGER COUNTRY TEAM'S FOOD TASK FORCES' FIRST FOOD
SITREP REPORT (REPTTEL FROM NIAMEY) SUGGESTS THAT A MAJOR
PROBLEM IN THE COMING MONTHS WILL BE FOOD ARRIVALS AT
APAPA AND PORT HARCOURT FOR NIGER AND CHAD IN EXCESS OF
CURRENT ESTIMATES OF PORT EVACUATION CAPACITY. (P.E.C.)
OSRO ESTIMATES OF P.E.C. IS ABOUT 8,000 TONS PER PORT,
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BUT THIS IS BASED ON ESTIMATES OF RAILWAY EVACUATION.

THERE APPEARS TO BE SUBSTANTIAL PRIVATE TRUCK CAPACITY
IN NIGERIA LOOKING FOR WORK.

2. FROM PRELIMINARY DATA PROVIDED TO US IN NIGER, WE
CONCLUDED THAT A "TRUCK LIFT" OF AT LEAST 5,000 TONS
PER MONTH IN NIGERIA COULD BE JUSTIFIED, BASED ON OSRO
ESTIMATES OF FOOD SHIPMENTS SCHEDULED FROM MID-APRIL
TO EARLY JUNE. PERHAPS EVEN MORE TRUCK LIFT CAPACITY
MAY BE NEEDED, DEPENDING ON ANALYSIS OF MAY-SEPTEMBER
FOOD REQUIREMENTS AND GLOBAL DONOR ALLOCATIONS WHICH
GON UNDERTAKING.

3. HENCE IMPORTANT THAT YOU DETERMINE THE MAXIMUM
MONTHLY TRUCK CAPACITY FOR MOVING GRAIN OUT OF THE PORT
AND INTO EASTERN NIGER AND INTO CHAD.

4. SUGGEST FOLLOWING CONTACTS: M. BAGLIANI, DIRECTOR,
TRANSCAP, PORT OF APAPA; M. SHERK, DIRECTOR, FLOUR MILLS
OF NIGERIA AND OTHERS RECOMMENDED BY W. SHUMATE, USAID
AGRICULTURE OFFICER.

5. SUGGEST YOU COORDINATE YOUR INQUIRY WITH TREVOR PAGE
WHO WE UNDERSTAND HAS BEEN DETAILED FROM FAO TO OSRO
TO LOOK INTO NIGERIAN LOGISTICS SITUATION.
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